28. (New) A thick film heater manufactured according to the method of claim 15.

REMARKS

This Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 5, 2002, which was made final. Claims 1-26 are pending, of which claims 1-13 have been finally rejected and claims 14-26 have been allowed. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested following the present Amendment and entry of the following remarks:

1.   The rejection of claims 1-13 are respectfully traversed. Following the interview of July 2, 2002 between the undersigned and the Examiner, it is apparent that the legal issue is whether "maintained at a temperature below..." is a physical claim limitation or merely an intended use. Examiner believes the phrase to be merely an intended use and thus insufficient to overcome the rejections based on Eggers et al. Applicants believe the phrase is a physical limitation and thus overcomes the rejections. To expedite the application, Applicants have rendered the rejection moot by canceling the claims, but reserve the right to file a continuation with the canceled claims. Thus, this Amendment is not being made for patentability, but rather for expediency.

2.   The Examiner indicated during the interview that the addition of product-by-process claims based on the allowed methods would be appropriate and allowable in this case. Applicants have added two such claims.

4.   As all of the Examiner's requirements and suggestions have been satisfied and the rejected claims have been canceled, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Examiner is invited to telephone or e-mail the undersigned with any questions regarding this Amendment.

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